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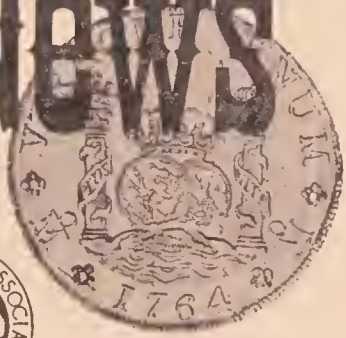

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to the Greater Houston Coin Club for giving T. N. A. the opportunity to hold a special drawing on a color TV and gold set January 26 during their annual "Money Show." This enabled us to raise funds that are needed to better our organization. What a great show - certainly was nice to visit with the collectors from around the state, and discuss ideas to better our hobby.

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Col. Raymond Darrah, chairman of the 1969 T. N. A. convention to be held in Fort Worth May 23-25, notifies me that "the ball is rolling" and convention plans are well under way. Some of the top numismatists in the nation will be on hand to speak at the educational forums. Make your plans to attend this annual convention now.

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Your T. N. A. dues were due January 1. If they were not paid by March 1, your name will not be on the mailing list and you will not be able to vote. You will also miss your issue of the TNA News. Please check to be sure that this does not happen to you. We are very eager to keep all our old members and are continually striving to gain new ones.

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Our TNA News editor, Miriam Gilmore, has come up with the idea of T. N. A. publishing a book of reprints from the TNA News since its beginning. This, I believe, would be a very good project for T. N. A., and possibly would raise funds for other projects that are in the planning stage. I would like to have your opinion on this idea. Please write and let me know how you feel about this.

Kesler Dies In Odessa

George T. Kesler, 63, long time coin dealer in Odessa died January 16 after a lengthy illness. Services were held in the First Methodist Church.

Kesler, third place individual winner in the 1964 National Coin Week contest, moved to Odessa in 1927 from Lamesa.

He was an organizer and charter member of the Odessa Lions Club, Chuck Wagon Gang and Odessa Jaycees. He was the third Texan to be honored as a Jaycee Senator, back in 1960. He served as chairman in 1950 of the District Census Bureau for 13 counties. He operated a soft drink bottling company from 1939 to 1948 and opened the first school store in Odessa across from the old Red School House.

Kesler was a member of the Odessa Coin Club, A.N.A. and T.N.A.

Survivors are a son, two daughters, three sisters and his mother.

MEDALS FROM THE LAND OF THE ANCIENT AZTECS

AVA SETZER,
Center, Texas

There is a never ending thrill that grips the lover of beauty when he sees a work of art in any form for the first time. In a medal of Mexico, you behold the combined skills of the artist, engraver and the minter. The art is informative and colorful. Through it you learn more of another country, become acquainted and friendlier with different individuals and their customs and religions. You also learn of the struggles, conquests and victories that were faced from the early beginning of Mexican civilization.

The knowledge of the medals of Mexico and why they were issued is very scarce and most of the printed material on the medals is in Spanish. So, you ask, how can anyone learn from this hobby? There are numerous ways - for example - you may start collecting the medals and taking a word or words from the inscription and begin your research from there. There are many series of the medals of Mexico; but just how many it would take to make a full and complete collection, has not yet been answered. It is hard to obtain the older dated medals of Mexico as so few were minted. Many have been lost through the ages of time. Some collectors have a few of these and treasure them highly.

The silver medals are the most popular, but some of these older ones could possibly have ended up in the smelting pots of Mexico for the silver content. There are numerous bronze medals of Mexico, highly artistic and a beauty for everyone to enjoy. A bronze medal that most of the world is familiar with is the Aztec calendar stone medal and the colorful Aztecs of Mexico.

An old man on the street selling his carved statues; a lady selling her beautiful embroidery; a small boy toddling along with his shoe shine box; or the boy on the street peddling his newspapers to the passing tourists and inhabitants; this is a part of the industrial Mexico of today.

But in contrast, may the pages of history be turned and as attractions of historical value surround us, we are awed with the National Museum of Mexico and the first eye-catching historical interest in this museum is the ornate and beautiful work of art, called the Aztec calendar stone. This stone or medal captures all of the complex religious practices, emphasizing human sacrifices, as well as the military form of culture and mathematics combined.

The Aztecs inhabitated this table land of Anahuac about 1200 A.D. until they were conquered by the powerful ruler Cortez in 1521. What terrible religious practices existed, as the Aztecs believed that the blood and heart of a human being would cause the sun to rise each morning, and the bravest prisoner of war was sacrificed each year. In contrast today, Mexico enjoys a freedom of religion, full of beauty and free of any pagan practices.

For the person who enjoys a sense of humor with history in the numismatic field, the most widely used forms of money of the Aztecs were the cacao beans. Today we would certainly sense this as a weird practice, as we think of the beans, both dried and fresh, that are produced on the markets of Mexico today. This is only a short sequence of

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NO AMERICAN DENOMINATION HAS BEEN MINTED EACH YEAR

By BRAD MILLS,
Dallas Morning News

No single United States denominational coin has been minted continuously from the first year of issue. The nearest approach to a full run of dates was achieved by the one-cent piece, necessity coin that until this day remains indispensable in giving correct change in small transactions. Chief reasons for date skips were mechanical difficulties at the mints, metal shortages and actual lack of demand for certain coins.

Many types of denominational coins have been minted during their entire "tenure" of mintage, such as the Indian Head cent, the "V" nickel, the Lincoln cent, and the Barber half dollar, but some of the earlier types were skipped during at least one year for various reasons. It is indicated that dating was not as accurate from 1793 to 1830 as during the more recent issues, and mint records may be completely in error regarding the 1804 silver dollar and the 1822 half eagle. Carry-overs from previous years and failure to change dates promptly may have been responsible for a few skips in dates that actually saw some coinage.

Few persons recall that during the worst of the 1919-35 depression all of our mints practically shut down. During at least one year, only a small coinage of Lincoln cents was required to meet all needs for a depressed economy. No nickels were required during 1932 and 1933, and even the useful dime was not minted during those two years. The Washington quarter got off to a good start as a new type in 1932, but even the small issue of that year was enough to force discontinuance during 1933. No half dollars were required from 1929 until 1933, further indication that the average U. S. citizen handled very little money during those trying days.

Some of the small issues of depression days carry large premiums now, where they were difficult to obtain at face value at time of issue because of wide-spread unemployment and a very modest national output.

One silver dollar has been a rather spasmodic, irregular coin from the beginning. It was first minted in 1795 and got off to a big start. However, the demand faltered in 1804 and no more were issued for regular use until 1840. Coinage was recorded continuously in one way or another through 1873. Pressure from the silver-producing states brought about resumption of coinage in 1878 in a very prominent way. Heavey coinage was continuous through 1904, although the dollars were stored in vaults by the millions all through the long period.

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A NUMISMATIC LIBRARY

Most collectors have on occasion felt the need for a numismatic library but have been reluctant to spend good "numismatic money" in an area where the good and useful cannot easily be separated from the poor and the pulp.

Working on a program for South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock recently brought this subject into sharper scrutiny and caused us to start matching ideas on what would constitute a reasonable numismatic library.

The rules and assumptions we made for our library were rather rigid. First, we divided the library into various expenditure levels: up to $25.00, then to $50.00, $100.00 and $150.00. At the last point it was felt that any numismatist (by the time he or she studied all the books listed to this point the title "numismatist" could be rightly applied) would have directed his interests into a specialized field and further recommendations to a specialist would be foolish and presumptious on our part.

Our second rule pertained to cost. We wanted to give as wide a spread as possible within each cost level. This lead to several interesting discussions on the relative merit of one publication as opposed to another, the subject matter, and the relative cost of each. These discussions caused the elimination of several excellent books with a relatively high cost in favor of a number of smaller pamphlets on a wider variety of subjects. In one instance a subject area was omitted completely because of our self-imposed cost limits. Our third rule was that the book or publication must be readily available and not be an out-of-print publication or be difficult to obtain.

The list, which is too lengthy to be included in TNA News at this time, still cannot be considered a well-rounded library. Add the membership in regional or state organizations, subscriptions to publications of several excellent firms, priced auction catalogs, retail price lists - all will be found useful and needed in some future circumstance.

As the list was being compiled, we were amazed to realize the hundreds of thousands of man hours of labor contributed by the many specialists and experts in the various fields. All of these labors can be yours at a nominal cost. Surely there cannot be a greater bargain or a purchase that will afford more enjoyable and long lasting pleasure than the ownership of a good numismatic library and the enjoyment and study of efforts of others in your behalf.

(PLEASE NOTE: The list of books and their cost prepared by Medlar and Traylor has been placed in the T. N. A. Memorial Library file and will be available on loan to T. N. A. members clubs upon request.)

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From the

second vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Roger Earwood
Box 629, Denton, Texas 76201

The 11th T.N.A. convention is set for May 23-25 at Texas Hotel in Fort Worth with Col. R. W. Darrah, 3813 Winslow Dr., Fort Worth 76109 as general chairman.

Each year at the convention, a governors' and club representatives' breakfast is planned. It is hoped that this year each member club will be represented at this traditional event, remember your delegate and his alternate must be a member of T.N.A. If you will review my report in the November issue of TNA News, you will see how important it is for each club to have their voice heard. Let's see some new faces at breakfast Saturday, May 24, in Fort Worth. You will be glad you attended.

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This might be the proper time also to remind the membership of the VIP (Very Important People) contest. The dates were set from May 1, 1968 to May 1, 1969.

The award will be presented to the winner at the governors' and club representatives' breakfast during the convention. Competition is open to all T.N.A. members and is given to the person who signs up the most members for T.N.A. during the above dates. Points will be awarded as follows:

10 points for individual or club life membership.
5 points for new individual or club membership, including juniors.
1 point for associate membership.

Let's get busy and build up those points; T.N.A. needs the members, and your name, should you win, will be placed along side our most conscientious members who have received this recognition in the past.

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TNA Convention Plans Underway

Fort Worth — COW TOWN U.S.A. — will be the scene of action for conventioneers and guests attending the 11th convention of Texas Numismatic Association. Fort Worth Coin Club will be host and the dates are March 23-25 at Hotel Texas.

Col. R. W. Darrah, general chairman, reports that committee chairmen have had numerous meetings and final plans are underway.

The large comfortable Grand Ballroom of the hotel will accomodate approximately 65 dealers with ample space for back-up tables, according to Bob Culbertson, bourse chairman.

Anyone wishing to exhibit during the convention should contact Joe Neal, exhibit chairman, 4325 Donnelly, Fort Worth. Neal is in charge of competitive exhibits and announces that handsome awards have already been selected for the winners.

In charge of special exhibits is Bill Moss. He reports that many items have been chosen for display, including a complete set of $4 gold Stellas and the 1804 silver dollar, along with many other items of numismatic interest for the advanced collector as well as the beginner.

The educational forum is being headed by T.N.A. first vice president, Virgil Hancock, who is planning a series of 30-minute talks by some of the leading numismatists in the State of Texas. Among them will be Amon G. Carter of Fort Worth. Program chairman is Ben Rouch and as plans progress, they will be announced.

Mike Brownlee of Dallas will conduct the auction with Wilson Baker as auction committee chairman. If anyone desires to consign lots or receive a catalog, contact Brownlee at 1418 Commerce, Dallas 75201.

Extensive publicity has been and will be given for the convention with Howard Luke as chairman of that committee. Luke has contacted local television, radio, newspapers in the entire area and brochures are being mailed to coin shops all over the nation to be passed out to the general public. All leading national publications will also cover convention events.

For the ladies attending the convention (the men too) that are not interested in spending all day at the show, there are a vast amount of things to do. A tour of the new Tarrant County convention center is of prime interest as this is truly a show place unequaled anywhere. The Acquaduct leaves the hotel three times a day and tours the city of Fort Worth. Plan on this exciting tour and you can rest your weary feet while enjoying their fair city. There is the Amon Carter Western Art Museum which no visitor to Ft. Worth should miss; the Casa Manana for evening entertainment; and Six Flags Over Texas is a must for adults as well as children. In downtown Fort Worth one will find Heritage Hall, The Lord's Supper in wax, a beautiful display; and other fascinating features to enjoy during your stay in Fort Worth.

The host city was the site of the very first T.N.A. convention in 1960 and was sponsored by the Fort Worth

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MIRIAM GILMORE

THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR

EDITOR

In a communication from Gladys Robbins, it was announced that Mrs. George A. Mather Jr. will carry on as general chairman of the Corpus Christi Coin Club show set for March 15 - 16 at Exposition Hall, replacing her husband whose death on January 10 left club members stunned. "George had the show planned in detail," she stated, "and I shall endeavor to carry out that which he began." The numismatic fraternity is saddened at losing George whose smile and ready wit made the coming show one to look forward to. The success of the show will be itself a tribute to our friend George. Replacing Mrs. Mather as chairman of publicity will be Gladys Robbins.

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Robert P. Hall and his youngest son, **Howard**, of Marlin received special recognition recently from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. after donating a group of 18 Umayyad and Abbasid silver coins to the National Numismatic collection. Hall learned that the Smithsonian was short on this type coin, so a presentation of duplicate items were contributed . . . . Amarillo will lose active numismatist, T.N.A. member and District 11 governor, **Troy Coan**, in June. He will be moving to Wichita Falls . . . **Hank Rodgers** left warm Louisiana to take up residence in cold Denver, Colo. . . . . **Don Bailey**, Box 4281, Yuma, Ariz. 85364 wishes to obtain postage stamps of Maximilian so if anyone has stamps of the era or any information, please contact him." . . . . and speaking of Maximilian and it being close to Easter time we will pass on some information about "Cascarronis" (colorful egg shells) – the cascarronis apparently originated in Italy, possibly dating back to Renaissance days; their use spread to Spain, France and Austria, and it is said that Carlotta, wife of Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, introduced the use of confetti-filled eggs into Mexico. Originally, cascarronis were perfume or cologne-filled egg shells, gaily decorated, which were tossed by gallant young men to ladies of their choice as a token of admiration and esteem, and to declare their affection. The eggs were used at fiesta time as well as at Easter. Occasionally mischievous children tossed them with disastrous results to Easter finery! Nowadays, children may "bump" them on the head of the nearest child, making a wish, and if the egg breaks (it usually does) showering the recipient with confetti, the wish will come true – or so the popular idea goes. Some are elaborately and artistically decorated, and all are hand painted or decorated. Many owners collect them from year to year to use as Easter decorations . . . . . thirty. . . . .

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NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

Have you a committee working to make your community aware of the joy and value of our hobby especially during National Coin Week? Dates are April 20-26. The theme - "Coins - Links in a Chain of Peace." The challenge this year is great for it will also point up hunger problems in our world and what the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is doing for starved and underdeveloped nations. Twenty-five countries have struck coins to help call the need to the attention of their citizens and sixty-two more propose to do so.

It is urgently requested that every club send a report of NCW activities to Colorado Springs (Ed Rochette heads the ANA committee) whether or not you compete for recognition. Individual activities should be reported if there is not a club effort. We are looking for another winner in Texas this year!

Have you encouraged your junior members to become a part of the ANA Young Numismatists program? These young folks can provide excellent programs for your club. They're the ones who will have to be depended upon to perpetuate the hobby.

Has your club contributed to the American Numismatic Authentication Trust which can protect collectors from counterfeiters? You can give as an individual, of course.

Have you used the ANA Library for your personal research? That's one of the services available to members, you know.

Have you ordered reprints from the ANA Library? The latest to be offered are (1) "Selections from **The Numismatist**, United States Coins". (2) "Selections from **The Numismatist**, Ancient and Medieval Coins", (3) "Selections from **The Numismatist**, Modern Foreign Currency", and (4) "Selections from **The Numismatist**, United States Paper Money, Tokens, Medals and Miscellaneous." All are in hard cover and priced at $3.75 each. Whitman Publishing Co. has donated their remaining stock of the books to ANA. This is a collection of articles which have appeared over a period of 73 years.

Have you seen to it that your club programs and activities are reported to the **Club Bulletin** so that others may profit from your good ideas?

Have your program speakers received ANA Educational Award certificates for their efforts? All your club needs to do is order them from Colorado Springs. There's a blank provided for the purpose and the certificates are free to all ANA member clubs; just a way of recognizing the speaker's contribution to your club's success.

Have your past presidents been presented ANA past president medals for their leadership?

In writing to ANA headquarters, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, 80901, remember that correspondence on each of the above points goes to a different desk (almost) so if you want to write about more than one phase of activity please write about each one in a separate letter. You'll probably more sure that you get satisfaction on each point and be doing folks up there a favor, too.

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It's just not possible to acknowledge each of the so many deeply appreciated messages of comfort and encouragement I've received and the

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from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Mrs. Augusta Folda
441 Miramar Place
Corpus Christi, Tex. 78411

Welcome to new members Nos. 1924-1929.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

If approved these members will receive membership cards April 1, 1969.

A-1945 (D-8) Mrs. John L. Chisum, Box 1237, McAllen, Tex. 78501. U. S. & Foreign. By Miriam Gilmore & John L. Chisum.

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A-1949 (D-6) Mrs. Leroy Stenzle, 902 Merrill, Houston, Tex. 77009. Minis. By Mrs. G. A. Mather & Bill Brothers.

1950 (D-8) A. Clark Dixon, 1814 E. Jackson, Harlingen, Tex. 78550. U.S., Mexico & Foreign. By W. K. Gilmore & Miriam Gilmore.

DECEASED

LM-42 — George A. Mather, Jr., 1325 Annapolis, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78415.

554 — George T. Kesler, 516 W. Third St., Odessa, Tex. 79761.

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C-13 — Midland Coin Club, c-o M. C. Stator, 8811 W. Spruce, Midland, Tex. 79701.

C-42 — Big "D" Coiners Club, Box 30131, Dallas, Tex. 75230.

C-99 — Irving Coin Club, 1010 Ash, Irving, Tex. 75060.

C-25 — Brownsville Coin Club, 1778 Carthage Cts., Brownsville, Tex. 78520.

NEWS ROUNDUP—ANA

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memorial gifts in George's name. Please let this be my "Thank You" for these and for letting me continue doing what I can where we have found such joy in doing together.

TNA CONVENTION

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Many thanks to Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield for a $5.00 cash donation to be added to the library fund.

We have on hand lists of books and slide sets available – If you would like to have one, just write.

Please add to your library book list:

T-7 – **The U.S. Mint and Coinage**, Don Taxay, 1966. Donated by members and guests attending a meeting of Harlingen Coin Club in the Fall of 1968, in memory of Ernest Marchant, Mercedes, Tex. (The book had been ordered but not obtainable until recently.)

B14D – **Pageant of World Commemorative Coins**, Thomas W. Becker, 1962. Donated by Mrs. Mable Casey Howton, San Angelo, in memory of George Mather, Jr., Corpus Christi.

W-8D – **The United States Trade Dollar**, John M. Willem, 1965. Donated by E. H. Brooks, San Angelo, in memory of George Mather, Jr., Corpus Christi.

MEDALS FROM THE LAND–

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thought to expose you to the earlier history of our neighbor to the South – Mexico.

The Aztec calendar stone medal was created by thhe Aztecs. The original stone measured 12 feet in diameter and weighed about 26 tons. It was sculptured with the image of the sun god at its center and contained the Aztec version of world history, and showed how they settled the hours of the day precisely, the periods of the solstices and the transit of the sun. In one sense, what great minds, numerical-wise, some of these people had. Do we have minds in our world today of this great talent?

Looking further in the pages of time, a rebus writing, using pictures and symbol characters to tell and present a story survived in some of the few books that were written in this period. Many fantastic legends and stories to lure the minds of the young and old surround this great stone and the Aztec peoples. But, walking down and away from this museum, we picture and see the main plaza of Mexico and through the counterpants we see history made and the ancient beliefs and practices overcome with enterprising commerce and industries of today.

The Aztec calendar stone symbol is truly related with Mexico; as for example, it appears on many medals and especially the beautiful 20-peso gold coin of Mexico. The Aztec calendar medal is still available in bronze, and history centered around this medal will never be forgotten.

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MARCH 15-16

AMARILLO COIN CLUB Spring coin show, Herring Hotel. Contact: Troy H. Coan, Box 5102 N. Amarillo Station, Amarillo 79107.

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MARCH 15-16

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB annual show. Exhibition Hall. Bourse: C. F. Lorfing, 1414 Melbourne, Corpus Christi 78415.

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MARCH 29-30

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB annual show, Lubbock, Tex. KoKo Palace. Bourse: Bob Medlar, 4114 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79412.

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APRIL 12-13

GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB, 10th annual Coin Festival. Thomas Jefferson High School Cafeteria. Port Arthur. Bourse: D. W. Pruitt, 1401 7th St., Port Arthur 77640.

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APRIL 19-20

PARIS COIN CLUB'S 5th annual North Star of Texas coin show. Paris Junior College. Bourse: Joe B. Bills, 248 1st. S. W. St., Paris 75460.

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APRIL 26-27

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MAY 17-18

WORLD COIN CLUB of Corpus Christi, 5th annual coin show, Corpus Christi Museum. Write: Jerry Foy, 5855 Everhart, Apt. 30, Corpus Christi 78413.

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MAY 18

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MAY 23-25

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TEXAS DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT ONE:

A new meeting place has been announced by **Fort Worth Coin Club** - Ganse Ware 1879 Room at 1200 Henderson.

R. W. Darrah
Governor

Discussion of plans for the May 23-25 T.N.A. 11th convention which the club will host at Hotel Texas has been the main topic of recent club meetings. It was announced that one third of the bourse tables had been reserved to date and everyone was urged to begin working on their exhibits. — **Leora Baker, Corr. Sec.**

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DISTRICT THREE:

The February meeting of **San Angelo Coin Club** was held at a new meeting place, El Patio Motor Hotel, and Mickey Rhyne was to have presented the program, according to the monthly news bulletin issued by the club.

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DISTRICT FOUR:

Lyman Bartee
Governor

Proceeds of a benefit auction (the third annual) conducted by the **Austin Coin Club**, netted the March of Dimes campaign $172.35. Items auctioned were donated by club members.

It was reported that T. N. A. realized $723.00 from the special drawing held in Houston with prizes being a color TV set and a Mexico gold coin set. The Austin club raised $124.00 for the project themselves.

Plans were discussed for observing National Coin Week sponsored by A.N.A. and announcement was made that Governor Preston Smith was issuing a proclamation designating Coin Week in Texas April 20-26. — **Lyman C. Bartee, Gov. Dist. 4.**

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DISTRICT FIVE:

Mike Brownlee
Governor

Mesquite Coin Club began its 11th year in January and the attendance at the monthly meeting broke all records.

A surprise visitor was Matt Rothert, past A.N.A. president. He consented to talk on one of his favorite topics — fractional currency, displaying a number of choice examples of the bills and explaining types and methods of identification.

G. F. Johnson showed a display of E. H. Harriman memorial medals and explained the history and purpose of issuance which are presented as railroad safety awards.

Plans for the new year were discussed by President Ray Holt, highlight of which will be the sixth annual coin show to be held July 12-13. — **Doris Robinson, T.N.A. Rep.**

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Paris Coin Club is completing plans for their annual show April 19-20 to be held at Paris Jr. College.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Gibraltar Hotel and has 42 members, seven having recently joined. — **Mrs. Elmer L. Holmes, Sec.**

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DISTRICT SIX:

Chris Johns
Governor

Committees are working on the 11th Coin Jamboree for **Galveston County Coin Club** to be held in Texas City on June 14-15 at Holiday Inn Hotel on the beach.

J. D. Fuller is general chairman and assisting are Claude Ressler, bourse, Box 2331, Texas City 77590; Ruby Threlkeld, publicity; M. J. Anderson, exhibits; Christine Richardson, prize tickets; Georgia Smith, registration. Also, Hugh Threlkeld, security and insurance; Carl Nessler, Jr., hotel arrangeand awards dinner.

Members voted to give a $25 check to one of the club members injured in a car accident. The family has been in the hospital for six weeks from the injuries.

Ruby Threlkeld presented the program and her subject was "My Wooden Money Collection." She is a charter member of I.O.W.M.C. and Pioneer Wooden Money Club. She told club members — "Many of these wooden nickels have been sent to me

by friends in other clubs. Some have been traded for and others bought. It is a most interesting hobby and I have met so many fine people interested in wooden nickels."

A social hour followed the meeting. **—Ruby Threlkeld, T. N. A. Rep.**

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New officers were elected to serve **La Marque Coin Club** at the January meeting. To serve as president will be Don Stoltenberg; J. M. Shepherd, vice president; Ruby Threlkeld, secretary-treasurer; and directors, J. C. Akey and S. B. Johnson. Hold-over directors are Hugh Threlkeld, Mrs. Marguerite Mitchell and M. B. Warren.

Activities reported for 1968 included gaining five new members; club picnic; several covered dish suppers; game parties; and the annual Christmas party. Programs consisted of auctions, show and tell type programs; guest speakers; and all members taking part in presenting programs on numismatics in general. The club also held several fund raising campaigns to assist T.N.A. and to purchase proof sets.

Ruby Threlkeld was in charge of the program and spoke on "Wooden Money." She had a display of round nickels and flat pieces from all over the United States and also two foreign countries. — **Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

DISTRICT EIGHT:

Clarence Davis
Governor

May 17-18 are the dates selected for the annual coin show sponsored by **World Coin Club** of Corpus Christi at Corpus Christi Museum. Jerry Foy is general chairman.

Club members extended thanks to Hewitt Baker for visiting the junior club at the Museum and displaying his world crowns and to Irvin Block who gave a talk on the coins of Israel. John Allen donated books to the club library and a vote of appreciation was given him.

Anyone willing to present a program; donate books to the library; or contribute coins to the junior club were asked to contact Lois Perry.

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Corpus Christi Coin Club met at Gulfway National Bank on January 27 with 45 members and six guests present.

W. F. "Bill" Tunnell was named to fill the office of treasurer left vacant by the death of George Mather. Norma Mather will assume chairmanship for the show March 15-16 with the membership pledged to "make it

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good for George." Gladys Robbins is serving as publicity chairman.

The club voted to order one-year subscriptions to COINage Magazine for 14 junior high school libraries in the city and adjoining towns.

The club adopted a revised Constitution and By-laws. New membership application blanks were prepared to comply therewith.

Gladys Robbins reported gifts continuing to come in to First Methodist Church for a pew in memory of George Mather. She also presented a petition for signatures which requests that coins be struck by the United States in 1976 to commemorate the bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, with a contest for appropriate designs.

Lee Behannon introduced Wesson Tribble as a Corpus Christi boy who had learned much about Southeast Asia, especially Laos, while serving there as intelligence officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Tribble has been a foreign service officer with the U.S. State Department assigned to Vientien, for five years and is home on leave. He is the son-in-law of Joe B. Davis, member of the club.

Tribble told of the strategic importance of the little-known country, about the size of Pennsylvania, with its mild-mannered people. He said Laos is neutral, under-populated with more mountain Chinese than true Lao among the 3-million population. It is

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The import-export program of the United States keeps the Lao economy and its money stable. (500 kip equal one U. S. dollar.) Perhaps best known to coin collectors is the silver tiger tongue or boat money of the Mekon River region. The speaker showed a number of items he had brought back with him. — **Norma Mather, Pres.**

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DISTRICT NINE:

Bob Medlar
Governor

Fourteen members and three guests attended the January meeting of **Levelland Coin and Stamp Club** held at the Chamber of Commerce building.

During the business session, Bill Stephens, treasurer, was presented a life membership in the club.

D. O. Joplin spoke to the group on the advantages of belonging to T.N.A. — **Larry Sanderson, Reporter.**

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Reports were heard on the upcoming coin show to be hosted by **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock at the January meeting which was held at the Municipal Garden & Arts Center. Reporting were Jim Hall and George Traylor.

Troy Polansky presented a program on United States type coins for the 33 members and five guests attending. — **D. O. Joplin, Reporter.**

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Larry Sanderson narrated a slide set program on "Types of U.S. Silver Coins" provided by the T.N.A. Memorial Library at the recent meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield.

Members discussed plans for the May 4 coin show to be held at the Community Center. The club meets at the Reddy Room in Littlefield and all are invited to attend. — **Hazel Sharp, Sec.**

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DISTRICT ELEVEN:

Troy H. Coan
Governor

At the January meeting of **Moore County Coin Club** of Dumas, James Taggart gave a report on recent coin shows held in the area and announcement was made of several shows to be held nearby in the next few months.

The club meets at Moore County Court House.

Gale Foreman conducted the auction, followed by a social hour and swap session. — **Troy H. Coan, Gov., Dist. 11.**

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Roy Wilson has been appointed to serve as secretary of **Amarillo Coin Club** for 1969 to replace Mr. Jennings who was unable to continue with the office. Meetings are held in the XIT Room at Herring Hotel.

Further plans were made for the coin show to be held March 15-16, with Lloyd Colvin being appointed as chairman. Due to a previous commitment, dates were changed from March 1-2 as previously announced.

Boyd Pipes gave a talk on the history of paper money. Following the program a trade session was held. — **Troy H. Coan, Gov., Dist. 11.**

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Coin show plans were to be discussed and committees appointed at a recent meeting of **XIT Coin Club** of Dalhart. The show is planned for

April 26-27 at the Youth Center. The club met at Western Skies Motor Inn.

During the business session, the club voted to accept junior members with dues being half the amount for adult members.

As no program was scheduled, membrs held a general discussion on coins. – **Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

"Coins & Early Christianity" was the name of the slide set furnished by the T. N. A. Memorial Library which was viewed at the January meeting of the Wichita Falls Stamp and Coin Club. Roger Paulk was in charge of the program.

Wm. Rust
Governor

Mrs. Paulk was introduced as the 1969 official hostess and served refreshments to 35 members and nine guests. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. H. H. Hallmark for her continuing service in preparing refreshments during the past year. – **Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity Chrmn.**

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JULY 12-13

MESQUITE COIN CLUB, 6th annual show, Town Hall, Big Town, Mesquite, Tex. Chrmn.: G. E. Beck, 1424A S. Buckner Blvd., Dallas 75217.

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SEPTEMBER 6–7

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB annual show, Town House Motor Hotel. Write club, Box 87, San Angelo 76901.

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SEPTEMBER 13-14

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, 10th annual show, Ridgewood Motor Hotel, 2520 Freeway, Beaumont. Bourse, T. G. Brown, 2555 Sleepy Lane, Beaumont 77706.

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SEPTEMBER 27-28

AUSTIN COIN CLUB annual Money Mart, Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Write Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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SEPTEMBER 28

PORT ISABEL COIN CLUB, second annual show, Sea Island Motor Hotel, Padre Island. Other details later.

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Winners Announced In Special Drawing

George Bartosh of Wichita Falls was the winner of the six-piece Mexico gold set (50, 20, 10, 5, 2½ and 2 pesos gems) at the close of the annual "Money Show" sponsored by Greater Houston Coin Club held January 24-26 at the Rice Hotel. Leroy Stenzel was general chairman and is club vice-president. James Sartor is president.

Mrs. Elliott Slusky of Houston held the winning ticket on the first prize, the RCA Halifax console 23-inch color TV set, a $519.95 prize.

Proceeds of the drawing went into the general fund of T.N.A. to help finance T.N.A. operations for the rest of 1969. Lyman Bartee, Austin, District 4 governor, Roger Earwood, Denton, T.N.A. second vice president, and Bill Brothers, San Angelo, T.N.A. president, supervised the drawing. The drudgery of handling the mailing of the tickets and all correspondence fell on the competent shoulders of Earwood, while the delightful chore of receiving the checks was accepted by Bartee.

The Beamont Coin Club, Charles Babcock, president, was the leading club in raising funds, and T.N.A. historian, Ruby Threlkeld of LaMarque, was the top individual salesman of tickets.

The Houston "Money Show," with an attendance of nearly 3,500 collectors from Texas and Louisiana, was pronounced as one of the most successful shows held anywhere in the past three years by the 57 coin dealers from Canada and all parts of the United States.

Best in show awards went to junior exhibitor Neil Nichols of Houston, the first time in G.H.C.C. history that a junior has earned best in show.

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California Dealer Charged In Houston

An Anaheim, Calif. coin dealer who came to Houston for the annual "Money Show" hosted in January by Greater Houston Coin Club was free on $5,000 bond on charges of trying to sell a counterfeit silver dollar.

The dealer was charged with trying to pass an 1893 silver dollar to which a "phony" S mark had been added.

A Houston dealer said the coin sells for $25 to $65 depending on condition, but is worth $500 to $700 with the "S" mark if circulated and up to $4,600 with the mark if uncirculated.

The California dealer was arrested by Bellaire police after a coin dealer said he tried to sell him the dollar as genuine.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED—

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Inasmuch as Neil took best in show, the judges awarded "Best Junior Exhibit" to Jeffrey Dunn and Jeff Mandel of Houston entitled "Coins of Antarctica" an unusual and imaginative accomplishment of the two young gentlemen.

Feature attraction for visitors was the counterfeit museum of the American Numismatic Authentication Trust (ANAT), which brought the television cameras and radio reporters from all of the Houston and Galveston stations.

Miss Tsao Hung-kuang from Taiwan, now a University of Houston graduate student working for her master's degree in economics, explained the Chinese section of the A.N.A.T. counterfeit museum for television reporters. Also seen was an altered date 1918/7D Buffalo nickel ($6,000 worth) which was exposed in the "Featuring Fakes" section of the February 1969 issue of The Numismatist written by Virgil Hancock of Bellaire.

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